

# **REPORT**

## **OF THE COMMISSION FOR HISTORIC GARDENS AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ICOMOS COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD**

**FROM 29 SEPTEMBER 2003  
UNTIL 20 DECEMBER 2005**

On 20 September 2003, the Presidium of the Polish National ICOMOS Committee (PKN), in keeping with point 9, paragraph 19 of the Statute, set up a Commission for Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscape. Its tasks are:

- maintaining permanent contact and taking up joint undertakings with the International Committee for Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscape ICOMOS-IFLA;
- initiation of undertakings aimed at research, preparation of the methodology of conservation procedures and protection of the historic gardens and cultural landscape, including their presentation on the domestic forum;
- organisation of meetings and conferences regarding historic gardens and cultural landscape;
- taking up other tasks stemming from the PKN ICOMOS Statute.

Dr Andrzej Michałowski, Honorary Member of the International ICOMOS-IFLA Committee was elected Chairman of the Commission. Dr Tadeusz Bernatowicz (corresponding member of the ICOMOS-IFLA Committee); Prof. Barbara Stępniewska-Janowska (PKN ICOMOS member); Dr Anna Majdecka-Strzeżek (PKN ICOMOS member); Barbara Werner, M.A., Active Member of the International ICOMOS-IFLA Committee were Members of the Commission.

For the implementation of its tasks the Commission was authorised to invite to cooperation other PKN ICOMOS members as well as specialists and experts from other fields and communities.

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The meetings of the Commission were held on:

- 15 November 2003.
- 28 November 2003 adopting the “Ideological Declaration of Members of the Commission” – enclosed.

- 22 March 2004.
- 27 May 2004 on the occasion of a conference organised in Łańcut and Lusławice.
- 26 June 2005 meeting with winner of the prize named after Prof. Jan Zachwatowicz – Prof. Ivan S. Kosenko, Director of “Zofiówka” Dendrological Park.
- 15 September 2005.
- 20 December 2005.

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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Dendrological Collections of Historic Gardens and the Role of Private Owners in Their Protection” Łańcut–Lusławice 27–30 May 2004.

Eight papers and foreign communiqués were delivered: I.S. Kosenko; W.M. Hrebovyj; Ł.W. Wehera; O.K. Moroz; T.A. Szweć; R.W. Kozlov; Ł.A. Kołdar; I.P. Nakopiuk and 13 papers and communiqués from the Polish side: A. Michałowski; E. Bartman; U. Maciejewska–Stefańska; N. Piórecki; M. Stefański; A. Majdecka–Strzeżek; B. Stępniewska–Janowska; M. Kseniak; W. Trzópek; B. Werner; A. Chmiel; J. Tumiłowicz.

An important achievement was the co-participation of specialist dendrologists representing the National Dendrological “Zofiówka” Park in Human, Ukraine, announcing the continuation of cooperation with our Commission and the Zamek Museum in Łańcut, the organisers of the Conference. Declared was also the desire to establish, at those institutions in Poland and in Ukraine, centres for the documentation of historic gardens and parks and the systematic publication of the results of their work. The Conference was accompanied by an exhibition presenting 16 projects together with studies on the revitalisation of historic gardens and parks. It should be pointed out that the participants in the Conference showed great recognition and admiration as regards the passion, knowledge and wide-flung activity in the establishment of the Arboretum by Prof. Krzysztof Penderecki in Lusławice. Lusławice is becoming a spiritual support for numerous cultural communities – so obvious for the world of music – but also for people wanting to revitalise garden art in Poland after the post-war devastation of gardens and parks in the Polish People’s Republic. It can be recognised that Lusławice is becoming an impressive “Lantern of Culture” pointing out to the individual and dispersed initiatives, the way and example of a new role, which the owners of palaces, mansions and gardens can fulfil.

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On 25 June 2005, on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of ICOMOS in Poland, a ceremonious meeting of the Polish ICOMOS Committee was held in the Royal Castle in Warsaw attended by Mounir Bouchenaki, Deputy Director General of UNESCO and Prof. Michael Petzet, the ICOMOS President and other numerous invited.

The programme of the celebration envisaged handing PKN ICOMOS prizes named after Prof. Jan Zachwatowicz. At the motion of the chairman of our commission, the prize went to Prof. Ivan Kostenko, director of the “Zofiówka” Park in Human, Ukraine. Dr Andrzej Michałowski delivered the laudation familiarising those gathered with the winner’s personality, in particular underscoring his active and long-time cooperation with the Centre for the Protection of Historic Landscape, the National Institution of Culture in Warsaw (until its liquidation in 2002) and the Zamek Museum in Łańcut. This cooperation resulted in the organisation of systematic conferences on “Gardens of 18-19<sup>th</sup> Century Magnate Residences in East-Central Europe and problems of their protection”, in particular:

in 1999 in Łańcut – “Potockis’ Gardens”

in 2000 in Human – “Czartoryskis’ Gardens”

in 2001 in Łańcut – “Lubomirskis’ Gardens”

in 2002 in Human – “Branickis’ Gardens” and

in 2004 in Łańcut and in Lusławice – the afore-mentioned conference “Dendrological Collections of Historic Gardens and the Role of Private Owners in Their Protection”.

The “Zofiówka” Park skilfully maintained and managed by Prof. Kosenko is one of the best-run gardens in South-Eastern Europe.

A meeting with the winner was organised on 26 June 2005 in the garden of the outstanding Polish expert on garden art, Prof. Bartman. The discussion focused on numerous problems regarding the conservation and revitalisation of gardens as well as the participation of our Commission’s delegation in next year’s conference to be organised by the “Zofiówka” Dendrological Park.

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## PARTICIPATION IN THE CONGRESS OF POLISH CONSERVATORS

During the Congress of Polish Conservators organised together with the PKN ICOMOS on 5-7 October 2005, the Chairman of our Commission, Dr Andrzej Michałowski, as well as other ICOMOS Members (Prof. A. Bohm, Prof. Z. Myczkowski) prepared programme theses of the 10<sup>th</sup> session – “Protection of historic parks and gardens and cultural landscape”. He also

delivered a paper entitled “Garden and park. Documentation. State of preservation and use. Conservation. Education” published in the Congress materials (Dolnośląskie Wydawnictwo Edukacyjne, Wrocław 2005).

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On 13-15 November 2005, the Chairman of the Commission took part in the International Conference on the “Protection of culture landscape in the context of long-lasting development of tourism as a contribution to the regional and municipal planning on the example of Jeleniogórska Valley” held in Łomnica. He also delivered a paper on the Paris convention on world cultural and natural heritage and the criteria of entering landscape objects on the UNESCO list. The Chairman of the Commission was elected to the social Council at the Union of Karkonosze Communities to opine a motion for the establishment of the “Jeleniogórska Valley Culture Park”.

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#### COOPERATION WITH MUZAKOWSKA SCHOOL OPERATING AT THE “DUKE PUCKLER – BAD MUSKAU PARK”

A symposium on “Outstanding Gardeners of Historic Parks” was held in Bad Muskau on 19 August 2005. It was in this special way that celebrated was the retirement, after 38 years of work in the Muzakowski Park, of gardener Ekkehard Brucksch. Papers were delivered on the gardeners of Herrenhausen, Weimar, Babelsberg, Reinsberg. The Symposium was attended by Barbara Werner and the Chairman of the Commission, who, after talks with Mr Cord Panning, the President of the Commission and Director of the Park, agreed on the scope and the date of the course-symposium for 20 Polish specialists dealing in historic gardens. Our Commission has assumed the role of a coordinator of that undertaking financed in full by the German side. Two seminars have been planned:

Seminar I – organised on 5-8 December 2005, covering: Tasks and methods of garden conservation; maintenance of trees and their application; road construction; water plants.

Seminar II – organised on 12-15 June 2006, covering: Protection of the environment, species and biotopes; lawns and meadows, perennials and other flower plants; garden equipment and architecture.

The first Seminar was attended by seven persons from the state and self-government monument protection service, seven persons from museums surrounded by gardens and parks and by four people connected with other institutions.

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## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVENESS OF MEMBERS

1. The Commission is in permanent contact with the ICOMOS-IFLA International Committee for Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscape.
2. Barbara Werner, who for many years has dealt with problems of garden art, is the only Polish woman who is active member of the International ICOMOS-IFLA Committee. B. Werner takes part in the annual working meetings of the Committee and in conferences organised by its members.
3. In recent years the Annual Meetings took place in Argentina (2003/2004) and in Brussels (2005). The Brussels meeting, held on 11-12 February marked an end of the 10-year long presidency of Robert de Jong. A new president of the International ICOMOS-IFLA Committee was elected in secret ballot. He is Prof. Luigi Zangheri from Italy. During a two-day session discussed was the extension of the Committee's activity in the organisation of international scientific meetings, which would be, in particular, devoted to conservation problems in historic gardens. Portugal was accepted as another site of the Annual Meeting and the organisation of the conference in May/June 2006. The conference will be devoted to garden art of the Middle Ages and its reception in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. B. Werner will be present there with her paper "Cemetery – Polish romantic garden".

Of the scientific meetings held during the past three years, mention should be made of:

- A conference "Gardens. Time and Memory" organised in the Cervantes Institute in Berlin by the Spanish members of the Committee on 7-9 October 2003. Representatives from Spain, Italy, Belgium, France, Germany and Poland delivered papers. B. Werner presented her paper "Bad Muskau/Łęknica Park – an example of revitalisation and cooperation between two nations".
- A conference on "Historic values of the past in garden conservation" was held in Florence on 5-7 December 2004. The international group – Germany, Sweden, Spain, France, Great Britain, Mexico, China, Australia, Poland and Italy – discussed the historic gardens, their national values and the possibilities of conservation and also the current problems. The conference was accompanied by the opening of an exhibition in Pitti Palace. Members of our Commission, A. Michałowski and B. Werner, attended the deliberations.

- It should also be stressed that in nearly all European countries historic gardens are those monuments which merit the greatest attention. A number of publications devoted to them are issued, specialist organisations and institutions are being established aimed at the protection and conservation of gardens, parks and cultural landscape.
- In 2004, to the order of the UNESCO International Heritage Committee, Dr Andrzej Michałowski prepared a revitalisation expertise concerning cultural landscape in Slovakia - “Original meadows – pastures in Slovakia”.
- The entry of the Muzakowski Park lying on both banks of the Lusatian Nysa border river on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 2004 as well as active Polish-German cooperation stood behind the decoration by the Polish Ambassador Dr Andrzej Bryt with a Golden Cross of Merit of Cord Panning, director of the Park and President of Duke Puckler Foundation in Bad Muskau on 15 December 2005, and by Prof. Georg Millbradt, the Prime Minister of Saxony, and of Dr Andrzej Michałowski with First Class Cross of the Free State of Saxony.
- In 2005, Dr Andrzej Michałowski was invited to cooperate in the initiative on entering on the UNESCO World Heritage list of cultural landscape in Germany (Upper Lusatia), Poland (Lower Silesia) and Czech Republic (Northern part of the country) and take part in the UNESCO Conference on “Columnar development region” on 6 March 2006 with a paper “Multinational character of world cultural heritage on the example of the Muzakowski Park”.

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### INTERVENTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

Contact has been established with the Provincial Monument Conservator (Western Pomerania) on taking care of the “Valley of Love” park and the surrounding palace-cum-farm complex in Krajnik Górny entered on monument register No. 367/59. The object is subject of scientific interest on the part of IFLA Deputy President, Hans Dorn.

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At the Commission meeting on 22 March 2004, discussed was and heard the opinion of Prof. Marek Kwiatkowski regarding the development of the hinterland of the Botanical Garden in Warsaw next to the building of the Astronomical Observatory erected in the Royal Łazienki Park in 1824 and having substantial landscape links with the entrance to the Łazienki Park from

the side of Aleje Ujazdowskie. The Masovian Conservator, R. Głowacz, promised to take into consideration the matter of the protection of the historically shaped original composition of the botanical garden documented in the 1818 plan.

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#### PKN ICOMOS MEMBERS IN THE COMMISSION

Dr Andrzej Michałowski – Chairman  
Prof. Edward Bartman  
Dr Tadeusz Bernatowicz  
General Architect Andrzej Chmiel  
Prof. Barbara Stępniewska-Janowska  
Prof. Marek Kwiatkowski  
Prof. Anna Mitkowska  
Dr Anna Majdecka-Strzeżek  
Barbara Werner, M.A.

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#### INVITED TO COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION

The activeness of the Commission makes it easier to invite persons not connected with the PKN ICOMOS Committee but ready to become ICOMOS members such as: Urszula Maciejewska-Stefańska, Eng., Chief Specialist in Royal Łazienki Park, Jan Olizar, M.A., from Environment Shaping Institute, President of the Civic Council for Gardens, or General Architect Miłosz Walerzak from the Higher School of Economics and Management in Warsaw and Wit Karol Wojtowicz, director of the Zamek Museum in Łańcut.

Dr Andrzej Michałowski  
Chairman of the PKN ICOMOS Commission  
For Historic Gardens and Landscape

Warsaw, 27 January 2006